

November 7, 2013

Kevin Dick, Executive Director  
Durham Workforce Development Board  
302 E. Pettigrew St., Suite 190  
Durham, NC 27701

Dear Kevin:

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate members to the Durham Workforce Development Board. The Chamber would like to recommend Megan Risley, Program Director of Dress for Success, for appointment to the Durham Workforce Development Board.

We believe that Ms. Risley will be an asset to the Durham Workforce Development Board and will serve an important role because of her involvement in the Durham community and her focus on collaborating with other community partners and businesses in an effort to bring resources to those in need. She has a firm understanding of supportive services needs of a diverse group of job seekers, and therefore, could provide meaningful contributions in formulating policies around job seeker advocacy and the advancement of the DWDB Strategic Plan for 2012-2014. In addition, through Ms. Risley's work, Dress for Success has established sound relationships with the business community that has led to the hiring of Dress for Success participants at companies such as Glaxo Smith Kline, Wells Fargo, Wal-Mart and Bayer CorpScience. For these reasons, we believe that Ms. Risley would make a good addition to the Durham Workforce Development Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Vice-President for Economic Development and Community Sustainability